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Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
County Government Center, Room D-430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Hydraulic Fracturing

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arroyo Grande City Council on February 25, 2014, the Council took action on Agenda Item 11A. This Item related to the issue of hydraulic fracturing by oil companies in San Luis Obispo County. After considerable public comment and deliberation, the Council voted unanimously to forward this letter expressing our concerns regarding hydraulic fracturing.

The City Council of Arroyo Grande is opposed to the practice of hydraulic fracturing in San Luis Obispo County until such time as thorough studies have been completed that can determine the following:

- The degree to which fracturing will critically deplete domestic water resources.
- The potential for contamination of fresh water aquifers.
- The impacts of potential seismic activity on concrete well casings used to insulate oil and chemical substances from encroaching into the geological and hydrological subterranean environments.

It is our understanding that findings from a Federal E.P.A. study of hydraulic fracturing will be published in the near future. We are requesting that the Board of Supervisors remain vigilant and informed of these and other studies that will further the collective knowledge of local government regarding the overall impacts of hydraulic fracturing. Additionally, we are asking that every effort be made to keep all cities and special districts in San Luis Obispo County informed of any requests for oil exploration or oil drilling permit applications in the unincorporated area.

Please feel free to contact our City Manager, Steve Adams, if you require additional information or clarification. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Ferrara
Mayor